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E-Legislative Update

April 8 – 14, 2013



April 8th marks the beginning of the thirteenth week of the legislative session. Tuesday, April 9th is the last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Appropriations and Senate Ways & Means committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Special Highlights: Governor Jay Inslee released his [Working Washington 2013-15 budget priorities](#) on March 28th proposing a plan to close a projected budget shortfall totaling more than \$2 billion over the next two years. The proposal invests \$1.2 billion in public education with a \$35 million expansion in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, and closes tax breaks and extends tax rates set to expire on June 30th. On April 3rd, the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus unveiled their budget plan that would invest \$1 billion in public education, moving some government employees off the state's health plan and a \$180 million reduction to child care and social services. The House budget is expected to come out in the near future. The Senate budget proposal can be viewed [here](#), along with the House budget when available. The regular legislative session is scheduled to end on April 28, 2013.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Education**04/11/13 9:00 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Update on Next Generation Science Standards.

Capital Budget**04/12/13 8:00 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5445](#) - Funding public school capital projects.

Health and Human Services**Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs****04/10/13 8:30 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm E
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Potential impacts of sequestration on the Washington affordable housing market.

Economic Development**Technology & Economic Development****04/10/13 8:30 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Update on Washington's economy.

Information is current as of: April 8, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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